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C O N F I D E N T I A L MUNICH 0472

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RADIO FREE EUROPE: EVALUATION OF BULGARIAN PROGRAMS

REF: SOFIA 0385

1. REGRET THAT IN AUGUST 1975 EMBASSY SOFIA STOPPED RECEIVING TRANSLATIONS OF SELECTED RFE BULGARIAN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS. WHEN PRESENT CONGEN LIAISON OFFICER FOR RFE/RL ARRIVED IN MUNICH IN LATE AUGUST, AVAILABLE RECORDS DID NOT RPT NOT INDICATE THAT EMBASSY HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECEIVING ON REGULAR BASIS SCRIPTS OF ALL THOSE BULGARIAN PROGRAMS WHICH ARE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH, AND LIAISON OFFICER HAS SEEN NO RPT NO SCRIPT HE FELT IT NECESSARY TO BRING TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION. BEGINNING NOW, CONGEN WILL POUCH COPIES OF ALL TRANSLATED SCRIPTS TO SOFIA UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY. EMBASSY SHOULD BEAR IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT ONLY SELECTED SCRIPTS ARE TRANSLATED AND THAT RFE MANAGEMENT DECIDES WHICH ONES ARE. SCRIPTS TO BE TRANSLATED ARE MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK IN DAILY BROADCAST ANALYSES.

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CONGEN NORMALLY RECEIVEDS TRANSLATED SCRIPTS 10-14 DAYS

AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN BROADCAST.

2. TEXT OF BULGARIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS WHICH ARE NOT RPT NOT TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH, ARE NOT RPT NOT ALWAYS TRANSCRIBED FROM TAPE TO PAPER. (ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF THESE PROGRAMS EXIST ON TAPE ONLY.) IF EMBASSY WISHES TO OBTAIN BULGARIAN TEXT OF UNTRANSLATED SCRIPT WHICH IS DESCRIBED IN DAILY BROADCAST ANALYSIS, IT SHOULD SO INFORM CONGEN BY LETTER OR CABLE. IF SCRIPT HAS BEEN TRANSCRIBED, IT WILL BE POUCHED IMMEDIATELY. TRANSCRIPTION OF TAPE WHICH EXISTS ON TAPE ONLY MAY TAKE AS MUCH AS TWO WEEKS.

3. EMBASSY MAY, ON EXCEPTIONAL BASIS, WISH TO REQUEST ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF SELECTED SCRIPTS. WITHIN LIMITS OF ITS MEANS, RFE WILL TRY TO HONOR SUCH REQUESTS.

4. CONGEN IS POUCHING COPIES OF PUBLIC LAW 93-129 (BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING ACT OF 1973) AND RFE INTERNAL POLICY GUIDELINES IN CASE EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE THEM ON HAND. CAREFUL READING OF THESE DOCUMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE FORMER, WILL GIVE EMBASSY A FEEL FOR KINDS OF COMMENT LIKELY, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROMOTE FRUITFUL DIALOGUE AND THUS HAVE SOME INFLUENCE ON RFE PROGRAMMING.

5. TRANSLATED SCRIPTS FOR PERIOD FROM JANUARY 12 TO FEBRUARY 4 POUCHED UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 809259 (L.O.U.) TRANSLATED SCRIPTS FOR FEBRUARY 15-20 PERIOD WILL BE POUCHED WHEN AVAILABLE. PETERSON

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